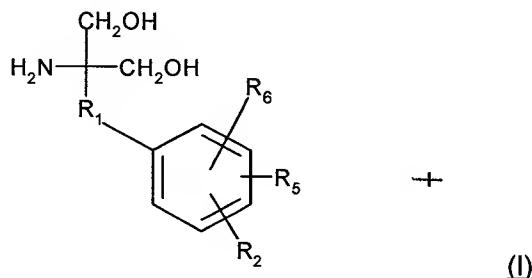


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A compound of formula (I) ‡



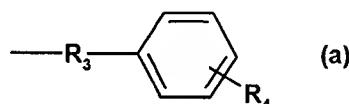
wherein

R_1 is C_{2-8} -alkylene;

R_2 is C_{1-20} -alkyl, optionally substituted by halogen;

R_5 is H or C_{1-20} -alkyl; and

R_6 is a radical of formula (a)



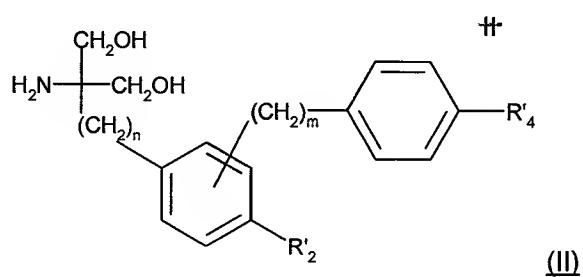
wherein R_3 is C_{2-8} -alkylene; and

R_4 is H or C_{1-20} -alkyl, optionally substituted by halogen;

and wherein R_6 is in the meta position meta relative to the fixed position R_1 ring variable;

in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

Claim 2. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is of formula (II) ‡



wherein

n is an integer from 2 to 4;

m is an integer from 2 to 4;

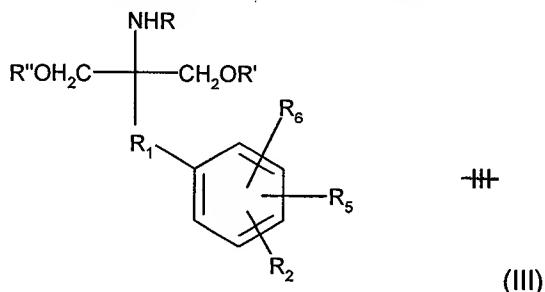
R'_2 is C_{6-14} -alkyl; and

R' is H or C₆₋₁₄-alkyl;

and wherein the R' containing substituent is in the meta position meta relative to the fixed position R₁ ring variable;

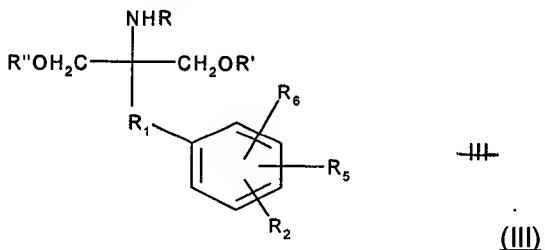
in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn-previous amended): A process for producing a compound according to claim 1, comprising deprotecting a compound of formula III (III)



wherein R₁, R₂, R₅ and R₆ are as defined in claim 1, and each of R, R' and R'' is a protecting group; and recovering the resulting compound of formula I (I) in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn-previous amended): A compound of formula III (III)



wherein R₁, R₂, R₅ and R₆ are as defined in claim 1, and each of R, R' and R'' is a protecting group, in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

Claim 5. (Cancelled):

Claim 6. (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 7-8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Withdrawn): A pharmaceutical combination comprising (a) a compound according to claim 1, in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, and (b) a second drug substance, said second drug substance being suitable for the prevention or treatment of organ or tissue transplant rejection, or an autoimmune disease or inflammatory condition.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn): A method for preventing or treating organ or tissue transplant rejection, or an autoimmune disease or inflammatory condition, comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, in free or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) : A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₂ is C₆-C₁₄ alkyl.

Claim 12. (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 11 wherein R₂ is octyl.

Claim 13. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₂ is in the para position relative to the fixed position R1 ring variable.

Claim 14. (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 1 wherein one or both of R₁ and R₃ is C₁-C₄ alkylene.

Claim 15. (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 14 wherein one or both of R₁ and R₃ is ethylene.

Claim 16. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is ethylene, R₂ is octyl, R₅ is hydrogen and R₆ is 4-octylphenylethyl, and wherein R₂ is in the para position relative to the fixed position R1 ring variable and R₆ is in the meta position relative to the fixed position R1 ring variable.